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An Act to incorporate the Dominion Board
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An Act to Incorporate the Dominion Board of Trade.

WHEREAS a certain Association, consisting of Delegates representing certain commercial organizations, to wit, the Montreal Board of Trade, the Montreal Corn Exchange Association, the Quebec Board of Trade, the Ottawa Board of Trade, the Belleville Board of Trade, the Hamilton Board of Trade, the Kingston Board of Trade, the London Board of Trade, the Saint John, New Brunswick, Chamber of Commerce, met on the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the City of Montreal, for the purpose of constituting a Dominion Board of Trade, and then and there adopted a constitution and by-laws, in order to promote the efficiency and extend the usefulness of the various Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, or other chartered bodies, organized throughout the Dominion for commercial purposes, and to secure unity, and harmony of action, in reference to commercial usages, customs, and laws; and for other purposes connected therewith, and it is desirable that the said Dominion Board of Trade should be incorporated, and vested with such powers for the purposes aforesaid, as may not be inconsistent with any law in force or hereafter to be in force in the said Dominion; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The several organizations hereinbefore mentioned, and such other commercial organizations, as may since the said sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, have become united with the said Dominion Board of Trade, or any such other commercial organizations in the Dominion, as may hereafter unite and join in the said Board, known as the Dominion Board of Trade, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Dominion Board of Trade," and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and Equity, within the said Dominion *and other places*, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, alter, or renew the same at pleasure.

2. Within six months from the passing of this Act the Secretary of the Dominion Board of Trade shall record in a register to be kept for that purpose, the existing constitution and by-laws of the said Dominion Board of Trade, and a certified copy thereof, or any amendment, alteration, repeal, or addition thereto, so entered in the said register as hereinafter provided, certified to be a true copy of such constitution and by-laws, as recorded in the said register, under the hand of the said Secretary and the Seal of the said Corporation shall be *prima facie* evidence of the contents thereof, in all Courts of Law and Equity in the said Dominion.

**Amendment of
constitution
and by-laws.**

3. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation, or a majority of them present at any general meeting, consisting of not less than fifteen members to alter or amend its constitution, and to make and enact such by-laws, rules and regulations, for the government of the said Corporation, its Council, Officers, and affairs, and the promotion of the objects contemplated by its constitution, and from time to time to repeal, alter, or amend, the said constitution and by-laws, as such majority shall deem meet; provided that no such by-law or provision in the said constitution shall be contrary to or inconsistent with the laws in force in the said Dominion; and such constitution and by-laws shall be binding on all members of the said corporation, its officers and servants, and all other persons whomsoever lawfully under its control. 5 10

Proviso.

**Secretary to
keep register.**

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the said Corporation to keep a register, in which shall be recorded the existing constitution and by-laws, and any changes in such constitution and by-laws, as may hereafter be passed by the said Corporation, at any of its meetings, and to attest the same by his signature in the said Register. 15